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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

MINUTES OF THE CS HISTORICAL BOARD MEETING OF 2 OCTOBER 1969

PRESENT:

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1. The meeting of the Board was called to order by the Chairman at 1400 hours on 2 October 1969. The minutes of the last meeting were approved.

2. The new Executive Secretary, [Redacted] was introduced officially to the Board. It was understood that this was [Redacted] last meeting, and that [Redacted] would take over the job of Executive Secretary and CS Historical Officer on 6 October 1969. It was further stated that [Redacted] would spend the remaining time to his retirement on 31 December 1969 in preparing his recommendations for the CS Historical Program and doing self-debriefings on several stations at which he has served.

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3. The Chairman thanked [Redacted] for the good job he had done for the past two years. [Redacted] thanked him and expressed his appreciation for the support and help of the Board and of the help provided by [Redacted]. He expressed the hope that his successor would find the job as satisfying and pleasant as he had.

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4. The Board then considered the Executive Secretary's quarterly report (the first time the material had been prepared in this format) and had no questions or disagreement. The Board decided that it would like to continue to receive the Executive Secretary's report in this format. If, however, action by the Board was desired, this should be clearly indicated.

5. The Board then considered the question of the pros and cons of a centralized T.O. under the jurisdiction of the CSHB as well as of having all contract writers under project [Redacted]. The Chairman asked [Redacted] if he had experienced

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any serious problems resulting from the lack of such an arrangement, to which [] replied, none serious enough to warrant a change; there were certain minor problems from time to time, but these reflected the degree of interest in and support of the Program by the individual component chief. The Board then discussed the pros and cons of having a centralized T.O. for both staff and contract employees and decided unanimously that it would not favor this change, but that it would leave the situation as it has been.

6. On Agenda item 5, the chairman asked the Executive Secretary to review the situation for the Board. Briefly summarized, the Executive Secretary's remarks were as follows:

The question before the Board is one simply of whether non-CS officers are to be permitted to read/edit CS historical papers. The Board is also faced with the question of how far it wishes to go in allowing persons outside the CS to read or edit its material. He reminded the Board of the strong desire on the part of Professor Ehrmann to establish a centralized index/document collection in the HS, and the many arguments on that subject; on the CS side of an unwillingness to disregard years of CS precedent for keeping its material separate from that of other directorates and of putting up strong arguments against such an erosion of security. He reminded the Board that he had discussed this matter with Mr. Karamessines, recommending to him that the CS material in HS/CSG should be maintained separately and controlled only by a CS officer, and that to ensure this CS control, the present DCI slots of [] be transferred to DDP slots. That Mr. Karamessines had demurred on this recommendation and asked that [] work out a satisfactory agreement with Professor Ehrmann. In addition to his earlier agreement to have differently colored cards for each Directorate in the Central Index, my discussion with C/HS resulted in Professor Ehrmann's oral agreement to (1) physically compartment CS documents from those of other directorates, and (2) that any successor to [] would have to be acceptable to all four directorates.

7. The Executive Secretary said that the security problem facing the CS Historical Program is basically attributed to the strong determination of C/HS to have one centralized program, and not five separate programs coordinated at the top. [] stated that the alternatives seemed to be (1) drawing a line as to who might see CS histories, or (2) taking action to withdraw the CS Historical Program completely from the Agency program as a measure solely designed to insure against gradual erosion of CS security and compartmentation.

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8. [] pointed out that Professor Ehrmann had stated in a recent meeting with [] the new "Senior Editor" from DDP would be expected to edit certain CS histories, and that [] had stated that such a departure from well-established precedent would have to be ruled on by the Board and Mr. Karamessines.

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9. The Board discussed this problem in some detail and agreed that it had no choice but to confirm its understanding of the policy of past and present DDP's not to have anyone outside the CS become knowledgeable of CS material. This has never been and cannot now be negotiable. The Chairman further stated that this is in line with the DCI's statutory responsibility to protect sources and methods. This is the way it has always been and must continue to be. Further, that the "need-to-know" principle is observed within the Clandestine Service as well as without.

10. The Chairman stated that in his opinion, this matter should be put on the agenda of the bi-weekly meeting of the four Deputy Directors with the Executive Director-Comptroller, as the matter of having one officer edit the material of four directorates must be thoroughly understood by all concerned before approval can be given.

11. In view of the impending absence on an overseas TDY of the Chairman, the Executive Secretary was asked to arrange a meeting with the DDP as soon as possible and relate this matter, and give him the views of the Board. [] stated that he felt strongly that it was up to the Board to take a stand on this question, as it was its prerogative to establish policy regarding the CS Historical Program. The Chairman said that he did not disagree with [], but that he felt that it was a matter to which the DDP should be made privy at an early date. He suggested that the Executive Secretary prepare an Aide Memoire to leave with the DDP, and that the new Executive Secretary accompany [] at this meeting with the DDP.

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12. The meeting adjourned at 1550 hours.

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